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Providing Hope with Love

East Dallas Networking Continues It's Support



Pictured L-R: Jesse Simmons-Jesse's A/C & Appliance Service, Kimberly Humphries- WRCH Development Director, Dr. Chuck Kobdich - Backmenders Chiropractic & East Dallas Networking, Ted Beechler - WRCH Executive Director, Tracee Bond-WRCH Resale Store Manager and Mark Weber-Weber's Computer Services.

Once again East Dallas Networking selected the White Rock Center of Hope as a recipient of a year-end grant. East Dallas Networking began their annual grant program seven years ago at which time the Center was the very first recipient. East Dallas Networking has selected the Center as a recipient each year since the program's inception and has donated \$6,500 to the Center via it's year-end grant program.

On Thursday, January 4, the members of East Dallas Networking donated \$6,700 to 5 local organizations helping our friends and neighbors in need. In addition to the center, the following grants were made:

Alley's House - \$750, Ferguson Road Initiative - \$750, Heavenly Mimi - \$1,000, For Love of The Lake - \$1,500. EDN also donated \$100 to the CC Young Benevolent Fund. Since 2010, EDN has donated \$31,600 to charities like these, making East Dallas a better place to live, work, and play. In addition to EDN's \$2,500 grant, One of their members, Randy Huntress, donated his \$100 Ugly Sweater contest prize to the center.



Randy Huntress won the ugly sweater contest and donated his \$100 prize to the center. Randy purchased his sweater at White Rock Center of Hope Resale Store.

East Dallas Networking was created as a small business networking group, specifically for East Dallas business owners. EDN's first meeting was held in September of 2008, at which there were four people in attendance, including the two co-founders. Due to EDN's effectiveness, affordability, and relaxed culture, it has grown to a weekly attendance averaging 55-65 invested and fiercely loyal networkers - dedicated to helping one another build their business. To consistently have attendance at capacity with no attendance requirements whatsoever, EDN is obviously doing something right! While EDN began as a group focused solely on business networking, it has since expanded in scope to include community advocacy and business education. In addition to it's grant support, East Dallas Networking holds

semi-annual food drives in support of those served by the Center.

EDN is a business networking and community advocacy group, meeting every Thursday from noon to one in Highland Park Cafeteria's Shakespeare Room.

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Pickups for donations of large items are available; to schedule a pickup call the store at 214-324-2020. The Resale Store is open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Saturday.



Ted Beechler
Executive Director

From The Director's Desk

Statistics are a grim reminder of the economic hardships our neighbors face. They are also an indicator as to just how blessed the Center truly is and why the Center is a true blessing to our neighbors in need. All you have to do to determine that the Center really belongs to the White Rock neighborhoods is to look at this newsletter. It talks about neighbors volunteering and contributing their time, talents and treasure to assist one another. Together we are lessening the impact of these challenging times on our neighbors who are suffering through hard times.

Last fiscal year, we assisted 21,174 individuals, 8,047 of whom are children in 8,708 families. Please understand that was you who assisted them. The 716,000 pounds of food, the 91,000 clothing items, the \$68,000 in rent aid that kept 349 families in their homes and the \$37,000 in utility assistance that kept services connected for 289 families are your achievements because you care about your neighbors in need. It was possible because of people, like the members of East Dallas Networking, have faithfully donated every year since their inception. It was possible because hundreds of Cub & Boy Scouts and their adult leaders, spent two Saturdays collecting food items from all over the White Rock area. It was possible because the White Rock community donated thousands of gently used clothing items. It was done because area congregations and organizations donated to help others in need.

Because of this neighborhood support and because 250 volunteers cared enough to donate 41,000 hours of their time to the Center, the families who turned to us not only received hope, they were also given proof of God's love for them. In short, the center exists because you care! This newsletter is my attempt to thank you for your help. However, my thanks pale in comparison to those of one of our clients:

"I came to your agency for help in rental assistance. God opened your hearts to supply my urgent needs. You helped with rent, food and clothing. I will never forget your act of kindness. I'm most impressed to see your staff serving me and others with a smile. I appreciate your kindness and help. Thank you and God bless each of you"

REMINDER:

**Volunteer Luncheon is at 11:30 am on Saturday April 14th at St. John's Episcopal Church
Located at 848 Harter Rd.**

Scouting For Food Annual Boy Scout Food Drive Scheduled for February 10th & 17th

On the above dates the scouts will conduct their annual Scouting for Food drive. On Saturday, February 10, the Boy Scouts from the Tejas-Caddo District will go throughout the White Rock neighborhoods distributing bags with flyers listing the center's food needs. On the following Saturday, February 17, the scouts will return to collect the bags and their contents, which will be brought to the center. Scouting for Food is an annual National Good Turn Project that has been conducted by the Boy Scouts of America for over 25 years and for more than twenty years the Scouts have donated the food they collect to the Center.

As last year, the Circle Ten Council offered the scouts the option of conducting the traditional two Saturday drive or going door to door on Saturday February 17. Our Tejas-Caddo District scouts collected over 15,000 non-perishable food donations for families in need. Thank you for your donations and thanks to all the Scouts who gave their Saturdays to help feed families in need.



Community Impact for Fiscal Year 2017

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
Volunteer Hours	3,251	3,737	3,467	3,430	3,622	3,131	3,551	3,462	2,912	3,877	3,167	3,400	41,007
Total Families	800	712	797	611	655	650	688	765	681	810	722	817	8,708
Total Individuals	2,184	1,999	2,047	1,279	1,429	1,566	1,624	1,770	1,629	1,927	1,729	1,991	21,174
Total Children	776	728	787	582	624	620	645	733	645	771	691	776	8,337
<u>Food Program</u>													
Pounds	76,020	67,480	69,895	42,560	51,5120	54,285	53,725	59,115	54,600	63,840	57,750	66,045	716,835
Families	785	683	782	582	624	620	645	733	645	771	691	776	8,337
Individuals	2,172	1,931	1,997	1,216	1,472	1,551	1,535	1,689	1,560	1,824	1,650	1,887	20,484
Children	770	697	771	419	538	630	587	620	626	726	651	775	7,810
<u>Clothing Program</u>													
Number of items	8,913	8,391	7,204	6,011	7,015	7,196	6,782	7,718	7,448	8,537	6,934	9,460	91,609
Families	311	285	270	208	225	239	251	271	241	292	247	307	3,147
Individuals	821	814	597	416	520	530	544	622	596	686	557	727	7,430
Children	333	337	243	145	232	222	247	246	286	361	277	353	3,282
<u>Rental Assistance</u>													
Amount Paid \$	3,688	6,375	4,255	5,258	5,953	5,253	4,901	5,323	5,361	6,188	8,260	7,472	68,287
Families	27	30	29	25	30	21	24	29	28	33	40	33	349
Individuals	49	72	64	52	58	54	61	68	54	82	102	89	805
<u>Utility Assistance</u>													
Amount Paid \$	2,946	1,985	3,904	4,035	3,164	3,475	3,486	3,229	3,285	4,155	3,389	4,177	37,123
Families	28	17	31	32	24	28	22	26	25	33	23	27	289
Individuals	63	56	66	70	46	54	47	74	49	103	52	62	680
<u>Transportation</u>													
# of Bus Passes	3	19	50	38	60	79	57	59	46	32	56	56	499
Families Receiving	2	15	35	26	46	54	37	44	29	21	34	37	343
<u>Toy Program 2016</u>													
Number of Toys		9,320											9,320
Families		305											305
Children		926											926

Christmas 2017 Toy Program Summary

Once again, Lakepoint Church provided us with the space to conduct our annual Christmas Toy Program. Without their assistance it is doubtful whether or not we could have continued making Christmas a little brighter for children whose families are dealing with economic issues. This Christmas, Jan and Ted Keitch, along with their cadre of volunteers, distributed 6,968 toys to 745 children in 268 families.

Remember The White Rock Center of Hope in your Planned Giving

A planned gift to the Center can ensure the continuation of our vital assistance to the people of East Dallas. Through your will, estate, stocks, financial holdings, or endowment gifts, you can help us provide basic necessities while leaving a legacy and achieving your own financial goals. For more information contact: Ted Beechler at 214-328-2978 or Kimberly Humphries at 214-324-9285.

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White Rock Center of Hope
Resale Shop
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Selling antiques & collectibles, crafts, jewelry,
gently used clothing and household items
donated by neighbors to benefit neighbors in
need!

Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The White Rock Center of Hope is a nonprofit 501(c)(3)ecumenical organization that makes a difference in people's lives by providing a place where the community can share God's love and blessings by satisfying basic human needs.



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There is room for your church or organization to join us in making a difference in lives through the White Rock Center of Hope

The Bare Pantry Fare

Canned: corn, canned meats, tomato products, other types of canned beans and veggies. Boxed Mac & cheese.

We also need usable plastic Grocery bags.

Volunteers needed

Resale Store Staffing-

We need people every day from 9:00 to 4:00. You can work all day or half days.

Client Services Staffing-

We need the following:

Interviewers on Friday, Wednesday & Tuesday

9:00 am to 2:00 pm,

Pantry Worker on Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm,

Clothes closet client helpers on Monday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm,

Clothing sorters on all days,

1st Saturdays 9:00 to Noon: interviewers, clothes client helpers and food pantry assistants

For More Information please call Ted Beechler at 214-328-2978